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MARRIAGE.
On 2nd April, 1910, at the Peak Church, by
the Rev. C. H. Hickling, ARCHAEL ORR
LANG, son of James Lang, Esq., of Greenock,
to ELLEN MARGARET LOVE, daughter of
William Macnaughton Love, Esq., of 24, Palace
Court, London, W., and Campbelltown, Argyle-
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 4th, 1910.

A VISITOR to London from Australia
recently called attention to a feature in that
City very little known to Londoners generally,
or even to those in its immediate neigh-
bourhood. It seems that in Limehouse,
there has gradually arisen a kind of Chinese
quarter inhabited by sailors and others
from steamers arriving in the port. The
description which is given of the manner in
which the Celestial there lives presents no
new feature to those who are already ac-
quainted with his "ways and his tricks and
his manners." The closely-packed sleeping
rooms divided off into far too numerous
cubicles, the stuffy atmosphere, the opium-
smoking arrangements, the sanitary dis-
arrangements, and all the well-known
surroundings of crowded Chinese lodgings
are to be found in their full glory in the
East of London. To the Australian, who
was familiar with the same kind of thing
in his own country, the spectacle suggested
some rather lugubrious consideration, and
he was set thinking of what a Chinese
invasion of London would mean, and how
necessary it was for the good people there to
be timely warned of the danger that was
arising in their midst. He took care,
on passing, to mention that it had never been

merely the competition of the Chinese that
was objected to in Australia, but chiefly
their habits and their unsuitability to
become mixed up with a white population.
One can, of course, easily understand how a
strongly anti-Chinese Australian would at
once perceive that he had an excellent
opportunity of pushing home his favourite
views by pointing to an actual object lesson
in the metropolis of the Empire itself. No
one can blame him for having so well seized
a talking point, but, at the same time, we
may hesitate before sharing his fears that
even London will not long be free from a
genuine Chinese Immigration question. The
truth is that the Chinese who are found
about Limehouse are really only temporary
residents, who have come by one ship and
are awaiting to return by another, or who,
after a few weeks, will go back by the same
vessel that brought them. The increasing
number of men of this kind is no doubt a
noticeable feature, as showing the extent to
which Chinese are being employed as sailors,
&c., on board British steamers; but it does
not indicate anything in the way of a
permanent settlement of Chinese such as
has caused so much trouble in the United
States, in Australia and elsewhere. The
men who form the Limehouse Colony in
London are of a totally different class to
the standard Chinese immigrant who "comes
to stay." The latter is only to be feared
where there is work for him to do—a railway
to lay out, a mine to be worked, or some
agricultural or commercial pursuit to be
followed. There is nothing of this kind
at the present time in London, nor does
there appear to be a likelihood of any-
thing of the kind offering, and it is only in
such an event that there can be any danger
for many years to come of the Chinese flock-
ing to London in such numbers as would
make their presence of any economic im-
portance. At the same time there certainly
is a possibility of an invasion of Chinese
into European countries of a very different
but perhaps hardly less serious description.
As matters have been drifting for the past
half century in China, there can be little
doubt that the Chinese who have succeeded
in getting the large proportion of the trade
on the spot out of the hands of foreigners and
into their own will, in the course of time,
find it to their advantage to go a step farther
and establish their own houses in London
and other European centres. This has been
done by Parsee and Indian firms, and there
is no reason why it should not, as time goes
on, be done also by the Chinese. As we
know from what has taken place in Singa-
pore and elsewhere, they have a marvel-
lous power of adapting themselves to the
commercial requirements of any given coun-
try, and there is no reason why a China
merchant in the present day should not be
pretty well as much "at home" in a Euro-
pean capital as he has made himself in so
many other places. At first, he would, of
course, be dependant upon the services of
Europeans in order to get the run of the
markets, &c., but it would not take very long
for him to learn all that the European
knows and to turn it to his own advantage,
as he has done so successfully in many
directions in China itself. Any Chinese
merchant with the aid of a good interpreter
could soon put himself in touch with the
brokers, both of imports and exports, and,
with the competition that there is now in
commercial matters, he might find himself
able to hold his own even in the foreigner's
country. Such a change in the old order of
things no doubt appears to be far distant,
but still it is one which may come about
more rapidly than seems likely at the pre-
sent time, and it is certainly a contingency
that is worth bearing in mind. The Chinese
have the power of spreading themselves in
foreign countries in the most unexpected
manner, and a Chinese merchant with his
office in the City would, after all, not be
much more astonishing than the Chinese
store-keepers and traders who have managed,
in spite of much opposition, to establish
themselves in most of our Colonies. What
has been done by one class of Chinese upon
a small scale may quite possibly be done by
a richer and more important class on a large scale.

The French Mail of the 1st March was
delivered in London on the 1st inst.

We have received prints of very fine photo-
graphs taken at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. sports a
week ago.

The Russian authorities have arrested two
Japanese at Harbin, who are residents in that
city, on a charge of espionage.

The Lower House of the Japanese Diet has
rejected, after a stormy debate, the Universal
Suffrage Bill introduced by a constitutionalist
member.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to appoint Mr. A. E. Wood to act as First
Assistant Registrar-General and Deputy
Registrar of Marriages.

The children of Quarry Bay gave a charming
rendering of the kindergarten "Old friends with
new faces" at the Talkie Club on Saturday
evening in presence of a large and appreciative
audience.

The Wuchang Loan Account, 1909, is
published in the *Gazette*. The amount of the
loan is \$1,100,000. Repayments by Viceroy
(advanced for railway construction) amount to
\$440,000, while the balance due to the Govern-
ment is \$660,000.

The annual naval and military festival service
was held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday and
was well attended by members of both services.
The Bishop of Victoria was the preacher, and
the Buffs Band took the musical portion of the
service. The offertory taken was on behalf of
the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association.

The railway construction account for 1909
shows an amount expended of \$9,959,515.92.
This expenditure is accounted for as follows:—
Advances from Loan Fund, \$4,566,993.02;
Crown Agents' advances, \$4,257,442.49; Drafts
on Crown Agents, \$133,019.27; and reimburse-
ment due to general account, \$1,002,071.14.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the
Peak Church on Saturday morning when Miss
Ellen Margaret Love, daughter of Mr. W. M.
Love, of London, who arrived by the English
Mail from Home on Thursday, was married to
Mr. A. O. Lang, son of Mr. James Lang,
Greenock. The Rev. C. H. Hickling officiated.

What was described as a "Marathon" race
was held at Kowloon today ago, but the distance
was only five miles. A foreigner entered, but
he gave up at the sixth lap. The Japanese
runners apparently are not good sprinters, for
in the hundred yards race the three foreigners
who entered finished ahead of the Japanese
competitors.

The *Gazette* announces the appointment of
Mr. R. O. Hutchison to act as Head of the
Sanitary Department during the absence on
leave of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe. The same official
has also been appointed to act as Assistant
District Officer for the Southern District of the
New Territories during the absence on leave of
Mr. G. N. Orme.

According to a native telegram published in
the *Shanghai Mercury*, a British firm has
received an order to build a cruiser of 2,400
tons at a cost of \$400,000. A German firm is
also trying to get an order, but it is not decided.
The Naval Office has decided to form a squadron
consisting of two cruisers, two coast defence
ships, two destroyers and six torpedo boats.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the import-
ation of morphine or of compounds of opium into
Siam and the Netherlands Indies is prohibited,
while the importation into French Indo-China,
Japan, the United States of America and the
Philippine Islands is restricted to medical
purposes. The following countries prohibit the
import of prepared opium or drugs opium:—
United States, Philippine Islands, Netherlands
Indies, Siam and Japan.

The Colonial Treasurer's statement of the
Colonies' assets and liabilities on December 31st,
1909, shows the total assets to be \$615,436.35,
while the total liabilities amount to \$254,340.41.
The balance of assets over liabilities therefore
stands at \$361,095.94. This amount, added to
\$1,002,071.14, reimbursement due by Railway
Construction Account, after deducting the credit
balance for 1909, leaves a sum of \$1,335,169.08
showing as balance of assets (General Account).

Last week, says a recent issue of the *Japan*
Chronicle, a rumour concerning His Majesty the
Emperor was circulated in Tokyo, and was quickly
seized upon by certain unscrupulous specu-
lators on the Stock Exchange in order to "bear"
the market. The Court authorities were very re-
ticient on the matter, but the rumour spread
rapidly all over the country, and the share
markets were everywhere affected. The Metro-
politan Police on Friday night arrested a
well-known speculator for being concerned in
spreading the report in question, and on Satur-
day a statement was made in the Diet, by the
President of the House, stating that active
search was being made for those concerned in
circulating the report concerning His Majesty.

The Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent
de Paul begs to acknowledge with thanks the
sum of \$366.51, net proceeds of the performance
of "La Mascotte" by the Lusitano Lilliputians
at the City Hall on the 9th March, 1910. The
Society takes this opportunity to thank also
His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard for his
kind patronage; the parents of the children, the
Committee of the Club Lusitano, the members
of the Sociedade Philantropica, the Star Ferry
Co., the Committee of the City Hall, Messrs.
Moutrie & Co., the local Press, the Central
Printing Office and the Hongkong Printing
Press, as well as Messrs. A. E. de Silva and J.
C. de Rozario and the ladies and gentlemen for
their co-operation, and the general public for
their kind support.

BLACK BREAD IN PARLIAMENT.

Everybody remembers how prominently
German black or rye bread figured at the
General Election. On the suggestion of Lord
Cland Hamilton, the new Unionist member for
North Kensington, the Kitchen Committee of
the House of Commons have included "the
German bread among the items of refreshment
obtainable in the Tea Room, and on March 2nd
Lord Cland and several friends had it with tea.
After the meal his lordship declared the much-
abused article to be really excellent, in fact,
superior to much of the white bread consumed
in this country. It is predicted that there will
soon be a demand for it among members of
Parliament. Already a number of Liberals
have been making eager inquiries about it.

TELEGRAMS.

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KING MENELIK ALIVE.

LONDON, April 1st.

A despatch from Rome reports that
an authentic telegram has been
received from Adis Abeba stating that
the report of the death of King
Menelik of Abyssinia is untrue.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

LONDON, April 1st.

The French Chamber of Deputies
has sanctioned the laying down of two
battleships this year in private yards,
to be ready in three years.

The Minister of the Navy stated
that the warships would be in every
way equal to the latest British and
German types.

NATIONALISTS AND THE
BUDGET.

LONDON, April 2nd.

The "Freeman's Journal" says
that no arrangements between the
Cabinet and the Nationalists regarding
the Budget are yet possible.

CHECKMATING COTTON
CORNER.

LONDON, April 2nd.

The White Star liner "Baltic" left
Liverpool for New York to-day taking
a large quantity of cotton.

This is the first of many consign-
ments to be despatched to the United
States to checkmate the cornering
of the staple.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 bales
are ready in Liverpool for despatch.

TSAR'S ENTHUSIASTIC
RECEPTION.

LONDON, April 3rd.

His Majesty the Tsar last night, for
the first time in years, attended a
concert at the Opera House, St.
Petersburg. He was accorded an
enthusiastic reception by the audience,
which included numbers of the
nobility.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S TOUR.

LONDON, April 3rd.

Mr. Roosevelt has arrived at
Naples.

COPYING A TRADE DESCRIPTION.

An interesting prosecution took place at
the Magistrate's on Saturday morning when
Chief Excise Officer Hoggarth proceeded
against a Chinese for having in his possession
one tin and four mace of prepared opium, and
also stamps, a die and a block representing the
trade description of the Opium Farmer. Only
about a month ago this present Farmer went to
the expense of having new blocks and stamps
made with the object of preventing fraud.
The defendant, however, appears to have lost
no time in preparing first-class imitations.
The fraud was discovered by excise officers, and
on Friday afternoon Mr. Hoggarth, acting on
information received, went to Pokkham Road
and there succeeded in arresting the infringer
with the evidences of his guilt on his person.
Mr. Hallifax, who heard the case, fined the
defendant \$7 or one month for being in posses-
sion of the opium, and for infringing the trade
description, he sent him to prison for four
months without the option of a fine.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO
THE MANILA ASSEMBLY.

Governor-General Forbes in his message to
the Assembly convened in special session recom-
mends the following:—
An annual appropriation of P1,500,000 for the
construction of roads and bridges.
For certain works throughout the archipelago
during the ensuing year P250,000 is asked.
For further improvements of ports and ex-
tending navigation on the Cagayan river an
additional P500,000 is desired.
Educational funds showing a deficit, the
Assembly is asked to appropriate an additional
P500,000.
To aid the Bureau of Labour P44,000 is asked.
For production of rinderpest serum and kind
other work of the Bureau of Agriculture,
P850,000 is asked for that bureau's maintenance.
Despite reduced force, the Constabulary has a
deficit and an additional P200,000 is asked.
Laws providing for the collection of irrigation
revenues and statutes fixing the method where-
by priority of right shall be determined and new
disseminations are recommended.
Legislation is asked to provide for the unfort-
nate and control of the Coast Guard or water
police.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

April 2nd.

IN SEARCH OF A WIFE.
Some time ago a man married a wife, paying
for her the sum of \$140. The wife could not put
up with her husband, so she went off leaving no
trace behind. A day or two ago the deserted
husband was walking on the Bund when he saw
a man and two women walking along. One
of the women resembled his lost wife, so he
rushed up to her and ordered her to return
with him at once. This woman at once refused,
saying that she had never seen him before.
There was much wordy warfare until a constable
came, and took all four to the police station.
Here the woman said she was a
native of the Tung Kwoon District and
that she was taking a walk with her brother
and sister when accosted by the man in custody.
The deserted husband said that his wife was a
member of the Lung Chen District, whereas
the woman he had recognised spoke the Tung
Kwoon dialect. It was thus proved that either
willfully or otherwise the man had made a
mistake. The officer in charge of the station
told him to apologise by making three "kow
tows" to the woman. This was done and the
whole party was discharged.

MILITARY MATTERS.

It is stated that no less than 1,200 newly-
trained soldiers have been sent home for com-
plicity in the late disturbances. In consequence
of this many petty officers have no men under
their charge. The military authorities have
put these men on half-pay until such time as the
regiments are brought up to their former
strength.

During the rioting the commander of No. 1
Regiment lost the official seal of the Regiment.
It was found the other day by a member of
Admiral Li's force and returned to headquarters.
All the regimental seals are now to be changed.

A VIOLENT CONSTABLE.

A policeman attached to No. 3 Station at
Futshan was formerly a comb-maker, and still
keeps his connection with the Comb-makers'
Guild. The Guild held a meeting a few nights
ago, and the policeman noticed a man who had
not paid his subscription. He struck him
severely and wounded him and then looked him
up in the Station. The people got to hear of
it, and sent a deputation to the officer in charge
of the police, informing him of what had hap-
pened. This officer at once dismissed the
offending constable from the force, and ordered
the immediate release of the wounded man.

BAD CHARACTERS ON THE BUND.

The officer in charge of the Bund Bureau has
sent an urgent despatch to the Tsootai of Police,
stating that the other night a gang of about
forty men, each armed with a rifle, demanded
money from the sampan people. They said
each boat had to pay \$5, or otherwise they would
burn the whole of the sampans moved near the
Bund. The Tsootai has issued strict orders to
the water police to arrest anyone demanding
money from the boat people, and also to arrest
any armed person found near the water's edge.

TRADE IN HUMAN HAIR.

There is every year a very large quantity of
human hair exported from China to other
countries. Many Chinese merchants enter into
contracts with foreign firms to supply a certain
quantity in a given time, but recently some of
these have found much difficulty in keeping to
the terms of their contracts owing to a great
falling off in the supply. Agents of these mer-
chants go out into all the country places collect-
ing hair, but still the difficulty in obtaining
sufficient remains very great. In Canton and
Hosam are collectors who go from house to
house and offer boxes of matches in exchange
for hair combings. The German Consul here
recently sent a dispatch to the Nam Hoi Mag-
istrate saying that a certain Chinese merchant
had undertaken to supply 95 pounds of hair to a
certain firm, but that he had failed to keep to the
terms of the contract, so the firm demanded
compensation. The Magistrate has sent for the
merchant to appear before him at the Yamen.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

The current issue of the *Gazette* publishes the
financial statement of the Colony for the month
of January. The balance of assets and liabilities
on December 31st, 1909, is shown as \$551,097.94,
which with a revenue of \$632,891.82 from the
1st to the 31st January, gives a total of \$1,183,989.76.
Deducting the expenditure for the same month,
which amounted to \$661,155.17, there is a
balance in hand of \$522,834.59.

The statement of assets and liabilities on
January 31st places the total assets, including
the bank balance, at \$953,697.00, while the
liabilities amount to \$260,862.41. The rein-
bursement due by Railway Construction Account
on 31st December, 1909, was \$1,002,071.14,
which with \$169,163.96 added on account of
January, 1910, gives a total of \$1,171,235.10.
Adding to this amount the credit balance before
mentioned, the balance of assets (General
Account) is shown as \$1,494,069.69.

THE HONGKONG EXODUS.

Another big exodus for Home was witnessed
on Saturday when the English Mail steamer
Deunha and the Pacific Mail steamer *Asia*
sailed with large passenger complements.
Mr. B. A. Hale, managing editor of the
Hongkong Daily Press, accompanied by Mrs.
Hale, left for Home on holiday, travelling via
the United States.

The Rev. E. T. Johnson, Chaplain at St.
John's Cathedral, was a passenger by the same
steamer, as was also Mr. W. Ironside, of Messrs.
Butterfield & Swire.

How to BE BRAVING—Keep your own
place. Mr. Ellen, of the Chinese, Laik
Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre
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HONGKONG'S REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE.

A comparative statement of the revenue and
expenditure of the Colony for the year 1909 is
published in the last issue of the *Government*
Gazette. Under the heading of revenue, the
increases on the year's estimates are many,
while there are but few decreases. The total
estimates for 1909 amounted to \$6,708,996.
The actual revenue to December 31st was
\$6,822,966.93, as compared with \$6,104,207.37
for the same period of the preceding year. In-
creases on the estimates, including land sales,
total \$778,147.04, while the total decreases
amount to \$259,387.44. The largest increase
shown is \$126,164.55, which comes under the
heading of Licences and Internal Revenue not
otherwise specified, for which the estimate was
\$4,165,682.00. Other increases shown are Light
dues, \$2,497.69; Fees of Court or Office, etc.,
\$24,115.83; Post Office, \$31,614.98; Rent of
Government Property, \$37,471.83; Interest,
\$51,744.50; Widows' and Orphans' Pension
Fund and Contributions, \$414,199.99; and
Light Dues, special assessment, \$90,337.67. The
item Miscellaneous Receipts shows a decrease
on the estimate of \$81,625.57, while on Land
Sales (Premium on New Leases) there was a de-
crease of \$37,761.77.

Turning to the heading of expenditure, it
will be found that the total estimated for
the year was \$6,781,166. The actual expenditure to
December 31st was \$6,542,639.32, as against a
total of \$7,293,477.91 for the same period
of the preceding year. The total increase
is placed at \$293,241.28, while the de-
creases amount to the substantial sum of
\$1,679,879.87. The largest of these decreases
is shown under the item Public Works Extra-
ordinary, the amount under the estimated
expenditure being \$1,113,887.43. Other de-
creases are shown under the following heading:—
Governor, \$4,972.69; Colonial Secretary's
Department and Legislature, \$1,566.35; Audit
Department, \$890.47; Miscellaneous Services,
\$131,684.07; Medical Departments, \$11,849.91;
Sanitary Department, \$27,775.62; Botanical
and Forestry Department, \$6,165.01;
Military Expenditure, \$30,386.96; Public
Works Recurrent, \$102,433.44; Charge on
account of Public Debt, \$219,832.24; and
Charitable Services, \$23,435.68. In the increase
column the excess on the estimates for the Post
Office stands out prominently, the amount being
\$139,243.82. In the Registrar-General's De-
partment there was an increase of \$1,350.18,
while the following increases are shown under
the headings mentioned: Treasury, \$556.03;
Harbour Master's Department, \$25,254.30; Ob-
servatory, \$1,278.01; Judicial and Legal Depart-
ments, \$2,242.73; Police and Prison Depart-
ments, \$51,211.39; Education, \$13,483.77; Public
Works Department, \$25,540.85; and Pensions,
\$33,100.20.

JAPANESE AND FOREIGNERS.

A somewhat amusing notification was, says
the *Japan Chronicle*, issued by the Tax Bureau
recently, being a remonstrance with resident
foreigners who, leaving Japan in the middle of
the fiscal year, neglected to appoint agents with
instructions to continue the payment of the
taxes until the fiscal year came to an end. It
does not seem to have occurred to the tax
officials that foreigners may with some reason
object to pay taxes for the period during which
they are not living in Japan, or enjoying the
protection and advantages for which the taxes
may be regarded as a *quid pro quo*. The attitude
taken by the tax officials is that once the fiscal
year is entered upon the whole of the taxes for
that year become due and must be paid, whether
the taxpayer remains in the country or not,
and despite the fact that the income upon
which the levy was made may in the meantime
have ceased to exist. It is doubtful whether
even the death of the taxpayer is regarded as
sufficient excuse for non-payment of income tax,
for, just as a resident who leaves Japan, per-
haps never to return, is expected to appoint an agent
to pay his taxes for the unexpired portion of
the fiscal period, so it is the duty of the deceased
to make provision for the tax on income of which
he has given an estimate at the beginning of
the year. Some years ago such a demand was
not made on the estate of a deceased foreign
resident, and, though it was pointed out that
the salary had ceased with death, the claim was
for some time persisted in by the Tax Office.

JAPANESE PRESS LAW.

In the course of the proceedings of the House
of Representatives on the 22nd ult., Mr.
Onishi (Constitutionalist) introduced a
question to the Government in regard
to the honours conferred on newspapers in
recognition of their services in connection with
the Russo-Japanese war. The speaker produced
a copy of the *Goshu Shogyo Shinbun*, a four-
page share-quotient paper published in Shiga
prefecture, and said that this paper, which
contained only share quotations, had obtained
a set of silver cups, whereas the *Nagoya*
Shimbun, a paper published at Oka, Shiga
prefecture, a copy of which he also submitted,
had sent a war correspondent to the front, and
yet had received no honour at all. He would
deposit the copies of the two papers with the
Chief Secretary of the House, to be referred to
the Government. (Loud applause.)
Mr. Urabe Kiara (late Yushikai and a
barrier) next spoke on a question he was put-
ting to the Government in regard to the pro-
hibition of the circulation of the *Nippon* and
Nippon-jin, a Tokyo magazine. He said the
Government was quite unscrupulous in its
method of widdling the Press Law and trampled
on the right of free speech. This fact was well
illustrated by the action of the Government in
suppressing the circulation of the magazine in
question. The speaker referred to the contents
of the article headed "Gunji Shiji" (Private
Comments on Military Affairs), which had
led to the action against the magazine and asked
for an explanation from the Government as to
what part of the article was calculated to disturb
the public security and order, as prescribed in
Article 23 of the Press Law, and urged that
the article in question should be reproduced in
full in the report of the proceedings of the House.
Upon the conclusion of the orders of the day,
Mr. Hasebe, President of the House, said he
doubted the propriety of reproducing in the
report of the House an article which the Govern-
ment considered to be detrimental to public
security and order. Mr. Urabe had now left
the House, and the question should be decided
by the vote of the House at the next sitting on
the 23rd ult.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Sartorial changes have been frequent during the week. The forecasts of summer on one or two days led to an examination of wardrobes and to the donning of lighter garments.

The first of April passed uneventfully in Hongkong, and no jokes of any consequence are reported. I am told, however, that some folks who had accepted invitations for that day, when they realized what the day was, felt a little uncertain about the prospects of the tiffin or the dinner ahead. But there were no "sells" of that description.

The business of the Supreme Court is bound to suffer as long as it is conducted in the present premises. The offices of the street are always had enough, but when to that is added the sounds of hammering from the Post Office complaints are bound to be made. There have been judges, however, who do not take the same attitude as the Acting Chief Justice. Some years ago when the hammering in the premises beneath interfered with the conduct of his Court Mr. Justice Wilsie ordered the arrest of the men wielding the hammer and had them placed in dock, where they had to remain until the Court rose.

The new Oath Ordinance was inaugurated on Thursday. The Supreme Court remembered the date and made European witnesses take the Oath in the new form, but apparently the matter escaped the memory of the Magistrates, who were seen to administer the oath as of old.

During the past fortnight Hongkong may be described as having revelled in the Colony's Opera Season. Seldom, if ever, has a touring company of the quality displayed by the Bandmann Company, which has just closed a short season at the Theatre Royal, visited our port, and never has such extensive patronage been bestowed by local theatregoers. Each performance was undoubtedly a classic in comic opera, and to the organizer of the Company Hongkong owes a debt of gratitude for the wealth of song and refined comedy presented.

The General Post Office accepts 100 Hongkong copper cents for a dollar's worth of 1-cent stamps, and thereby lingers a tale, or rather, a quene extolling along the footpath outside the Post Office. The wily Chinese possessing five 20-cent silver pieces proceed to the money-changer's and obtain 115 Hongkong copper cents in exchange for his five pieces of silver. With 100 of these coins he takes up his place in the queue at the stamp office, and in his turn procures 100 Hongkong 1-cent stamps. Thus he disposes of for 5 silver 20-cent pieces or a paper dollar, and the above-described process of coining money is repeated. Sharp trading practice, no doubt, but legitimate and lucrative to the coolies now patronizing the G.P.O.

Hongkong, prolific in company promotions in past years, is to have still another industrial enterprise presented to speculators eager to invest, the latest being a wood-pulp paper mill, to be located at Haiphong. With such a galaxy of lights of commerce, including a well-known local journalist, on the directorate it is reasonably anticipated that the flotation of the concern and its subsequent conduct will be as successful as the articles recently appearing in the local Press have been in arousing interest in the project. The quality of paper to be manufactured has an extensive market awaiting it in the Far East, and the ramifications of the trade may be extended throughout the Middle East and even to Australasia. With the latest mechanical processes facilitating production, the product of the new mill should have no difficulty competing with the stocks manufactured by primitive methods in native mills, and I join in extending heartiest good wishes for the successful initiation of the enterprise.

"Music in the park" is a pleasant recollection of home life, which was stirred on Tuesday evening by the Japanese Band, en route for the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition in London, playing selections in the presence of a large number of residents. The experience made many folks ask themselves why should not we have such opportunities more frequently. Numerous suggestions have already been made on the subject, but nothing seems to come from them, and it appears to be hopeless to expect any tangible result until a different communal feeling is created.

The visit of the Toyama Military Band to England should help to remove some of the erroneous impressions in Western minds regarding the Japanese attitude towards the classic music of Europe. One American, recently returned from a tour which included Japan, was reported to have said that he was asked in Japan if the conductor used his baton to strike at the musicians!

A light is to be placed in Capetown Pass after all. It has taken years of agitation to move the Government to this step, and the master miners will be glad to learn that their application and persistence have been rewarded.

It may seem surprising to outsiders to learn that there are some people who worry about water in Hongkong. We are told that there is contamination from the hillside in the Albany service reservoir, and over at Kowloon the good folks are advised to boil the liquid before using. The matter is a serious one and the public will be glad to have the assurance that the necessary remedy is to be taken at once.

Wedding bells were heard oftener than usual during last week. My congratulations to the three couples who have entered into the "sacred bonds."

ROBERTSON RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

CIVILIANS V. ARMY.

This the second annual fixture between teams representing the above met on the Club Ground on Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was an ideal one for football, but the attendance was very poor. The only change in the teams was Goggin in place of Clarke for the Civilians. The teams were:

Army: Beasley (R.G.A.); Orley (E.G.A.) and Clarke (Buffs); Dave (Buffs); Lient Bagnall (R.G.A.) and Hewett (R.G.A.); Downs (Buffs) and Brewster (Buffs); Taylor (Buffs); Nash (R.G.A.) and Ballis (R.G.A.).

Civilians: Clarke (H.K.F.C.); McCubbin and Hamilton (H.K.F.C.); Wilkie (Kowloon), Barlow and Gregory (H.K.F.C.); Aitchoon (H.K.F.C.) and Goldenberg (B.O.C.); Brown (Kowloon); Wilkie and Mead (Kowloon).

The game opened rather tamely, but the Army team early settled to each other's methods, and the forward quintette were soon dancing round Hamilton and McCubbin. The latter did not seem to be any the worse for the few weeks' respite from the game and his tackling and kicking on several occasions was acknowledged by the approbation of the spectators. Barlow, too, was playing a grand game, and when everyone else seemed lost he stepped in and did the needful. Aitchoon arrived a few minutes late and was soon troubling the Army defence, a plus from Barlow giving him the chance to test Beasley. From a kick-off Downs got possession of the leather and carried it well into his opponents' half. On being tackled he cleverly slipped the ball up to Brewster, who lost no time in driving into goal. The ball found the net, but it was off the foot of Hamilton, who put it through his own goal in trying to clear the shot from Brewster. A free-kick for hands was well placed by Barlow, and within a few seconds Aitchoon and then Goldenberg had brought Beasley to his knees to save his charge. The work of the Soldiers would have been more effective at this stage had they given the pair on the left wing more to do, as the Civilian defence concentrated their whole effort against the right wing.

The second goal for the Army was scored a few minutes before the interval, and was the result of a combined run by Brewster and Downs, the former putting on the finishing touch. The Army led at half-time by two goals to nil.

The Army forwards contented themselves with playing to the gallery during the early part of the second moiety, but their opponents soon proved that they were not to be fooled with, and Mead and Brown were soon travelling goalward. Brown shot, but Beasley again saved, on this particular occasion by throwing himself full length along the front of the goal and forcing the ball to corner. Exchanges and honours were even for a time until Hewitt made a bad kick. Wilkie rushed in to take advantage and beat Beasley by placing into the corner of the net. Encouraged by the achievement the Civilian put forward their best effort, and Beasley had a busy time of it keeping Brown and Barlow from scoring. No further scoring took place and the game ended with the scores—Army, 2; Civilians, 1.

Previous to the presentation of the Daily Press Cup to the League winners, R.G.A., the Hon. Mr. Gresson gave a brief summary of the working of the League since its inauguration in 1908. Reviewing the performance of the winners for 1909-10, he said the performance was on exceedingly good one, as they had gone through the competition without losing a match.

Mrs. Gresson then presented the cup and medals to the R.G.A. players, all of whom were present. Mr. Gresson also presented the Hongkong Sporting Annual medal for the leading goal scorer in League matches to Private Taylor, Buffs. Taylor's aggregate was 20 goals for nine matches.

POLO TOURNAMENT.

The final of the quarterly polo tournament was played off on the polo ground at Causeway Bay on Saturday in the presence of an interested crowd of spectators. The finalists were the Buffs and the Royal Garrison Artillery, and the players in each team were—

BUFFS: 1 Major Findlay, 2 Lieut. Davidson, 3 Lieut. Potter, 4 Lieut. Green.

Two chukkas were played, and in each the Buffs had the advantage. At the beginning they forced the Artillery to defend, and the R.G.A. men put up a great fight in an endeavour to keep their goal intact. For a long time they were successful, but eventually Lieut. Davidson succeeded in eluding the defenders and sent the ball between the posts, thus putting the Buffs one up. There was no further scoring in the first chukka, and the second opened with the Artillery attacking, but the Buffs soon drove them back on their strong hold, and the incurring Davidson, taking advantage of another opportunity, scored again. Even play followed in the concluding stages of the match and when time was announced there was no alteration in the score.

Final: Buffs, 2 goals; Royal Artillery, nil.

For two quarters in succession the Buffs have come out on top, and should they be successful in winning the next tournament they will become the proud possessors of the Polo Cup, which has to be won three times in succession before becoming the property of any team.

DRAUGHTS LEAGUE.

A correspondent writes suggesting the formation of a draughts league in order to promote inter-club competition.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. TELEGRAPHIST AND DOWELL'S. These teams met on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, and the Club team secured a victory by eight runs and four wickets. The scores and analyses were as follows:

TELEGRAPHIST AND DOWELL'S.

W. Manning, b. Clarke 16
E. C. Oliver, b. Pearce 45
A. H. Young, run out 1
W. E. Waterhouse, b. Pearce 5
W. W. Waterhouse, b. Pearce 5
R. E. H. Oliver, b. Hancock, b. Pearce 11
C. T. Rose, b. Clarke, b. Makin 11
R. B. Reade, b. Clarke 11
F. Matsen, b. Clarke, b. Pearce 11
S. Lack, b. Makin, b. Clarke 12
C. E. Shields, not out 6

Extras 10
Total 130

Bowling Analysis.

Makin 15 2 51 1
Clarke 11 1 24 3
Pearce 10 1 24 5
Andrew 2 0 10 0

HONGKONG "A".

T. E. Pearce, b. Shields 41
Dr. Andrew, b. Waterhouse, b. Oliver 24
J. Hall, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 24
H. Hancock, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 24
R. Hancock, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 24
A. A. Clarke, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 24
H. Dr. Atkinson, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 24
F. Jackson, not out 13
R. Irving, b. Beasley, b. Waterhouse 13
Extras 6

Total 144

Bowling Analysis.

Oliver 10 2 40 1
Young 2 0 21 3
Shields 7 0 52 1
Waterhouse 4 0 15 2

R.E.C.C.C.

The following is the result:—

Cpl. McGreggor, b. C. Currie 23
Cpl. Davidson, b. Currie 23
S. Sgt. Power, b. F. Lammet, b. Currie 87
Pte. Arns, not out 17
Cpl. Currie, b. McGreggor 17
Cpl. Campion, b. R. Currie 17
Cpl. Harrison, b. R. Currie 17
Cpl. Taverne, b. Lammet 17
S. R. Keane, not out 17
Sgt. Smith and Jeremiah did not bat 17

Extras 21
Total 221

Bowling Analysis.

S. Battistara 5 0 50 0
F. Currie 5 0 52 1
R. Bess 3 0 30 1
C. Higginbotham 1 0 14 0

R.E.C.C.C.

W. H. Vireath, b. Osmann 10
R. A. Carruth, b. Power, b. McGreggor 10
R. P. Lammet, b. Smith, b. Osmann 10
B. Bess, b. Vireath, b. McGreggor 10
I. A. Rose, b. McGreggor 10
J. D. Norris, b. T. A. McGreggor 10
C. E. Lammet, b. McGreggor 10
F. Currie, b. T. A. McGreggor 10
C. J. Higginbotham, not out 10
A. S. Gomez, Jr., b. Jeremiah, b. McGreggor 10
S. R. Battistara, not out 10

Extras 43
Total 43

Bowling Analysis.

Cpl. Osmann 5 0 16 2
Cpl. McGreggor 5 0 24 6

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The second annual athletic meeting, postponed from the end of last year, was held on Saturday on the ground of the Kowloon Cricket Club before a fair attendance. The meeting was under the following management:—

Patron: His Excellency Sir F. J. D. Lugard.
Vice-Presidents:—H. E. Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B., Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Sir H. N. Mody, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. F. Barrington Deacon.

Chairman: Dr. Forsyth. Working Committee:—Messrs. C. E. Libeaud, A. R. Sutherland, A. S. Kempthorne, J. H. Mead, F. H. Hyndman, and T. Cheo (Chairman). Judges:—Messrs. A. C. Leith and A. S. Kempthorne. Starter:—Mr. A. R. Sutherland. Handicappers:—Dr. Forsyth, Rev. W. H. Maundrell, R.N., Lt. D. H. Anderson and Mr. F. Lammet.

Clerks of the Course:—Messrs. A. C. Leith, C. E. Libeaud, and A. A. Claxton.

Official Time-keepers:—Rev. W. H. Maundrell, R.N., and Mr. T. Cheo. Mr. H. L. O. Garrett, hon. secretary.

120 YARDS HANDICAP—First heat, L. A. Ozerio, 4 yds, 13 1/5; second heat, H. W. Peterson, 6 yds, 13 secs; third heat, Lee, Cpl. Andrews, 13 secs. Final—1, Andrews, 12 5/5 secs; 2, Peterson.

HIGH JUMP, amateur championship, challenge cup presented by Mr. F. B. Deacon—1, A. C. Leith, 5ft. 2 1/2; 2, J. J. Crowley, 5ft. 1 in.

120 YARDS HURDLES, ten flights, amateur championship challenge cup presented by the Kowloon Cricket Club. First heat, H. W. Peterson and Lee, Cpl. Sloman; second heat, Rev. W. H. Maundrell and A. C. Leith; third heat, Leith and Sloman.

Final—1, Maundrell, 17 4/5; 2, Leith. A good race between the pair. Peterson dropped out at the start.

HALF MILE, amateur championship, challenge cup presented by Eastern Telegraph Company's Staff—1, Lee, Cpl. Andrews, 2m. 10 secs; 2, Cpl. Kesp. An easy win for Andrews. Four competitors in the final.

LONG JUMP—Amateur championship, challenge cup presented by Mr. R. Shaw—1, J. J. Crowley, 2ft. 3 in.; 2, Rev. W. H. Maundrell.

440 YARDS HANDICAP—1, Lee, Cpl. Andrews, 52 5/5 secs; 2, Cpl. Kesp, 54 5/5 secs; 3, Pte. Tester, 54 5/5 secs.

Seven started, Andrews had the race in hand and finished comfortably. A good struggle for second place.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT, amateur championship, challenge cup presented by Sir H. N. Mody—1, W. Gessard, 40ft. 4 in.; 2, K. MacLennan. There were only two competitors and the sergeant won by more than two feet.

Over a mile, amateur championship, challenge cup presented by Sir Paul Chater—1, Lee, Cpl. Andrews, 5m. 1 5/5; 2, Sgt. Sturdy, 5m. 2 5/5; 3, Lee, Cpl. Roscoe. The winter ran easily throughout, and finished with several yards to spare, despite Sturdy's plucky effort to catch him up near the tape.

Four out of the five starters finished. In the absence of H.E. the Governor the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Forsyth.

BOXING AND WRESTLING COMPETITIONS.

There was a large attendance at the V.R.C. Gymnasium on Saturday night, when a number of interesting boxing and wrestling competitions were brought off. Mr. A. Rodger was in charge of the ring, while Messrs. H. J. Gedgo and W. S. Bailey acted as judges. Time was kept by Messrs. T. Meek and C. Bunji. Mr. R. L. Bridger introduced the competitors, and the working committee who attended to details was composed of Messrs. A. L. Alves, J. A. S. Alves, A. V. Barrow, A. H. Carroll, O. B. Chanyut, J. Forbes and J. Rodger.

The first event was a fight of six two-minute rounds between Lance-Sergeant Fincher of the Buffs, 9 stone 5 lbs., and Seaman Jones of H.M.S. Kent, 10 stone. Advantages in youth and weight were with the sailor, but the veteran was very active on his feet, and as a consequence was enabled to elude much punishment. In the second and third rounds Fincher was scoring well with his right, while Jones manoeuvred for an opening which eventually came. A heavy right swing on the jaw somewhat staggered the soldier, and a second in the same vicinity sent him to the boards. The sound of the gong gave him a breather, and he got to work with greater caution in the fourth round. In the fifth he was doing good work until he was again surprised by one of the sailor's powerful right swings, which sent him down a second time. In round No. 5 both men got to business with the sound of the gong. Fincher scoring with both right and left, and his blows having a visible effect on the sailor. So fierce was the encounter towards the end of the round that the referee intervened. Coming together for the last time, Fincher scored repeatedly with his left, and the referee declared him to be the winner.

Stoker White of H.M.S. Bedford, 10 stone 5 lbs., and Seaman Sky Kerrison of H.M.S. Kent, 10st. 2lb., entered the ring for a fight of ten two-minute rounds. It only required two minutes, however, for Kerrison to establish the fact that he was too clever a man for the stoker. A few straight rights were followed by a couple of left jolts. Then a left swing was placed on the stoker's point and he was rendered hors de combat.

Ivor Chanyut and Albert Ellis, both weighing 115 lbs., then appeared to battle for the heavyweight championship of the V.R.C. The six two-minute rounds fought established the undoubted superiority of Chanyut, and he will have to be a good man who seeks to revive this clever little boxer of the title he won. Ellis displayed a capacity for taking punishment, and he might have stood a better chance if he had brought his right arm into action. That limb was useless, while the left was overworked. Chanyut was declared the winner amid enthusiastic cheering.

Mr. Gedgo subsequently said he had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting the winner with a silver cup. Chanyut had improved greatly in his boxing, and put up a splendid fight for the championship. The V.R.C. had been established for over fifty years, and had done more than any Club in the Far East in the interest of sports (Applause).

As the new champion accepted the trophy he was heartily cheered by the spectators. The next event was a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match for the championship of the Colony. The claimants were Seaman Readey of H.M.S. Bedford, and Lance-Corporal Spillet of the Buffs, and the decision was to be awarded on the best of three pin falls. This contest was one of the longest that has been witnessed in Hongkong. Readey was the aggressor throughout, but all his efforts failed to pin the muscular corporal, and the decision was a draw.

Ten two-minute rounds followed between Seaman Ringell, 9 stone, and Seaman Mustard, 9st. 6lb., both of H.M.S. Bedford. In Ringell Mustard found a worthy foe, and the pair of clever little pugilists mixed it up willingly, giving and taking with equal liberality. After ten fast and exciting rounds the referee was unable to separate the men, and they retired from the arena with honours easy.

The main event, as was the case in the last V.R.C. tournament, proved a failure, and went to show that those responsible for the matching of the men—if the fight was not the outcome of a challenge—had little knowledge of their qualifications. The principals were Seaman J. Roberts of H.M.S. Kent, 9st. 8lbs., and Drummer Bonchier of the Buffs, 9st. 6lbs. The fight of fifteen rounds was for the lightweight championship of the Orient. It was a foregone conclusion that Bonchier, successful as he has been of late, and with all his improvement, would have little chance against a seasoned fighter like Roberts.

The seaman was superior in every move of the sport, and in the fourth round smashed a heavy right over his opponent's head, and followed it up with a left jolt to the jaw which sent the drummer to the boards. He came up groggy, and was saved from further punishment by the sound of the gong. Somewhat reanimated by the spell, and fighting warily, he went through the fifth round without mishap, but in the next two minutes Roberts was not to be denied. His right hooked on to the drummer's point, and Bonchier went down, to rise a defeated man. Roberts was declared the winner, and the announcement was received with prolonged cheering.

REVIEWS.

The Human Colored: A Romance of Old Peking. By B. L. PUTNAM WAALM. London: Macmillan & Co.

By his excellent works on China, Mr. Putnam Weale has firmly established himself as one of the ablest writers on Chinese affairs. He writes with fluency and grace. He impresses one with the fulness and exactitude of his knowledge of Chinese character and the intricacies of European life in the Oriental capital, and in making use of that knowledge to produce a work of fiction he introduces an element into the English novel, which, if not altogether new, is at least used most successfully to give local color to his story.

It is not easy to combine love and politics in a novel. Not everyone is a Disraeli. But still more difficult is it to combine commercial politics, such as the hunt for railway concessions, with the human element that inspires poets and novelists, and has enriched our literature with the finest products of the human mind. But Mr. Putnam Weale may be congratulated upon the success he has achieved, although perhaps it may be objected that there is a disproportion between the concession-hunting and the love-making episodes. One thing he manages to convey most admirably. That is, the atmosphere of Old Peking. His pictures are strong, vivid, real; they are instinct with life and reality. We see the hotel he draws, we are quickly in touch with Carnot, the proprietor, and we seem to know each one of the guests who people this strange caravan. They are all familiar types to us here.

The period of the story is immediately after the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia and the seizure of Kiao-shan by Germany. Peter Kerr, an English engineer, is moved by the conception of a scheme for covering China with a network of railways, and persuades a London syndicate to send him to Peking to negotiate concessions. Prior to his departure, he kindles the love of an English maid, but there is also a love passage with a Miss John Webb, which might well have been left out if it were not that the author wishes to indicate thus early a weakness in his hero and thus to prepare for the catastrophe which occurs later in the hunt for concessions. Several strong characters, evidently drawn from life, fit across the pages, and help in the development of the plot; others, like Phyllis May, are somewhat shadowing, and it may be objected that the true heroine is worthy of being named in more vivid colors. To us who know something of China, the story may appeal more strongly, and it might be well, in any future romance from the same pen, that the author should follow certain conventions. For instance, his paragraphs on railways in China are more fitted for the pages of a monthly magazine than a novel. They are too long. They retard the real story, and give it a staccato movement altogether out of keeping with Mr. Putnam Weale's ordinary style. Then, again, too frequently he explains his characters instead of allowing their own actions and development to explain themselves. These are real defects that should be overcome easily by so skilful a master of English composition. We have not said anything in detail about his descriptions of the environs of Peking nor the light he lets in upon the national character. For these we must refer the reader to the book itself. We commend it most cordially. It is to be hoped that having opened up this rich vein for fictional purposes, Mr. Putnam Weale will continue to work it and to utilise the rich material lying ready to his hand.

A Man of the Moors. By HALLIWELL SURCLIFFE. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

When a novel has already passed through five editions it must appear a work of supererogation to attempt to review it in a critical spirit, more especially if it comes from the pen of a writer of Halliwell Surcliffe's reputation and attainments. In this book, the author reaches high-water mark. In a way, it suggests the style of writing with which we are familiar in the mid-Victorian period. The novelist is not content to take a woman and a man, to add another man or woman in order to make complications, and then to drag them through the ordinary phases of the more modern drama in order to leave two of them happy ever afterwards. More or less, it is the development of a small community we watch rather than two leading characters. The reader feels that he is looking on real life, the making and marring of lives, the joys and sorrows, the plot and counterplot, the little incidents as well as the great happenings that form character and shape the destinies of men and women. It is not entirely a happy story. But is life itself entirely a round of happiness? Does not death enter into every life. Are not drink and hatred and passion familiar elements in English human nature? In "A Man of the Moors" there is much that is elemental, yet the author manages to prevent his story from becoming sordid or revolting. It grips the interest by reason of its actuality.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tosa Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 30th ultimo, and is expected here to-day.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila on the 2nd inst., and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Kioei* left Shanghai on the 2nd inst., at midnight, and may be expected here to-morrow at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Nore* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., at 10 a.m., and is due here on the 7th inst., at about noon.

The N.Y.K. str. *Nishio Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 31st ultimo, and is expected here on the 11th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Miyazaki Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 2nd inst., and is expected here on the 11th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yamato Maru* (Australian Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 2nd inst., and is expected here on the 12th inst.

OPIUM IN HONGKONG.

In the House of Commons on March 10th, Colonel Seely (Under Secretary for the Colonies), replying to a question by Mr. T. Taylor, said:—In the case of the Straits Colonies Government are putting themselves in a position in which they will be able to exercise very considerable control over the traffic in opium. As regards Hongkong I understand that the last remaining dividend was closed on February 28. The House may rest assured that both His Majesty's Government and the Colonial Governments will continue to exercise energy and vigilance in pursuance of their policy, and the Governors of Hongkong and the Straits shall be asked to include in the annual reports of their respective Colonies an account of the measures taken to regulate and restrict the consumption of opium and of their effect. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. T. Taylor asked if the hon. and gallant member could say what further steps were being taken in Hongkong to check the habit of opium smoking.

Colonel Seely.—I thought my hon. friend would have been so glad to hear that the last dividend was closed at the end of last month that he would have been content without further information, but if he will give me notice I will give him what further information I can.

Mr. Rees (Montgomery Boroughs, Min.) asked if the Colonial or home authorities had under observation the use of alternative stimulants or drugs as harmful as opium.

Colonel Seely.—Yes, that is a matter that has received and is receiving full consideration. We know very well there are other drugs equally injurious; the matter is being watched.

Mr. Rees.—Will the results in any way affect steps the Government may take, or is it merely a scientific interest?

Colonel Seely.—The Government both here and at Hongkong have considered the whole matter, and have taken measures which we hope and think will check the abuse of opium smoking, and at the same time prevent the use of alternative drugs.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION IN KOREA.

RESULT OF JAPANESE REFORM.

A Tokyo dispatch to the *Asahi* quotes Mr. Kuratomi, Vice-Minister of Justice in Korea, for the following statement in regard to judicial administration in Korea:—"The judicial administration in Korea, which has been taken over by the Japanese Government, has so far proved successful, good results being gradually obtained. The Koreans are showing more disposition to entrust their disputes to the new Courts, which are obtaining the deep confidence of all classes of Koreans. The Criminal Code adopted by the Courts was compiled by Korean officials, and resembles the Code of China. Compared with the Japanese Criminal Code, it is excessively severe. There are two or three civil laws, but these are not in operation, all civil matters being decided in accordance with the conventional laws. Twenty-three Courts are still to be opened in the peninsula, and will all be opened during the coming fiscal year (beginning on the 1st proximo). One Japanese judge is to be appointed to each new Court, and I intend to take some judges with me when I return to Korea shortly. The number of criminals arrested is increasing and there are now about 6,000 persons serving terms of imprisonment. The most frequent offences being murder and robbery with violence. It is singular, in view of the quiet habits of the Koreans, that so many crimes of a desperate nature are committed by them. The number of criminals arrested is showing a tendency towards further increase, and I intend taking more careful measures to prevent the commission of crime and so check the increase in the number of criminals."

EXPORT OF OPIUM FROM INDIA.

Mr. T. Taylor asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons on March 10th whether, seeing that the production of opium in China was being very largely restricted, he was prepared to respond to the desire of the Chinese Government to shorten the period of nearly eight years during which India was to continue to send opium to China. Mr. Montagu, who replied, said:—"In undertaking, in response to the request of the Chinese Government, that the Indian opium traffic with China should, if certain conditions were fulfilled, be brought to a close within ten years, His Majesty's Government contemplated a settlement that would be final, and that was within the capacity of both countries to carry out, with due regard to the magnitude of the changes involved and interests affected. In this spirit it was accepted by the Chinese Government, which has not expressed a desire to re-open the question. The strict fulfilment of India's share of the agreement has imposed serious burdens on the Indian Government and on the native States of India. His Majesty's Government are not disposed to disturb the settlement arrived at with the Chinese Government."

Mr. T. Taylor.—Do I understand that there has been no recent decrease in the income from opium in India?

Mr. Montagu.—There has been a decrease.

INDIAN ITEMS.

The Times of India comments in severe terms on the Government's policy with regard to the Gold Standard Reserve. Among other things, it says:—"Commercial opinion demands a strong gold holding in the Reserve, so that it may be ready for all emergencies and as a measure of that moral strategy which is powerful in finance, it demands that of this gold holding a substantial portion shall be held in India, so that it shall be out of the reach of the London bankers. This demand was endorsed by His Excellency the Viceroy, speaking with the full authority of the Government of India. It gets nothing. We ask for broad. We get a public pebble offered with such impudent pretence that it is bread that the concession is insulting to the financial intelligence of the country and its Government."

Mr. Valentin Chirac, foreign editor of the Times, who is on a visit to India, arrived in Calcutta on the 7th inst.

His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala may captain the Indian team to England next season.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at its Head Office, No. 25, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st April, 1910, at 4 o'clock p.m., for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1909, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st day of April, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for deposit at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

(Established 1862.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at its Head Office, No. 25, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st April, 1910, at 4 o'clock p.m., for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1909, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st day of April, both days inclusive.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. HAMBERT has instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of APRIL, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Auction Room in Duddell Street, THE VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

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All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 260, having an area of 11,958 square feet at an Annual Crown Rent of \$192.
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Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Vendors Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOCKER & DEACON, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, and also from The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1910. [491]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, MID-DIEBROOD, LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

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Goods not cleared by the 8th inst., at 5 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godown, where they will be examined at 9.30 a.m. on the 8th inst. No Claims will be admitted after goods have left the godown, nor will they be recognized if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here. This vessel brings on 200 bales woodpulp ex "Thesus" from Tromsø.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1910. [487]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th April, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1909, and of declaring Dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 3rd April to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910. [450]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH YEARLY ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th April, 1910, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1909, and of declaring dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd April to 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910. [451]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

Certificate No. N. S. 2434, dated Hongkong 1st April, 1898, for Ten Shares, numbered 59365 to 59374 inclusive and Certificate No. N. S. 2823, dated Hongkong 14th October, 1898, for Forty Shares numbered 9230 to 9239, 56849 to 56858, 57302 to 57306, 55645 to 55646, 66448, 61160 to 61161, and 47486 to 47495 inclusive, all registered in the name of MATIAS SAEZ DE VERNON & LACROIX, have been LOST or STOLEN, and the said Certificates are not to be produced to the Bank before the 30th April, 1910, new Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the said Certificates Nos. N. S. 2434 and N. S. 2823 will be thereupon treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. E. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [479]

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LEIGH & ORANGE, Principals, Building, 2, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [105]

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REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1910. [316]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [84-168]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 16th April, 1910, at 12.30 p.m., at the Office of the JOCKEY CLUB on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1910. [486]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that from and after TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1910, the Offices of the undersigned Solicitors and Notaries will be removed to the First Floor of PELICER'S BUILDINGS, 100 House Street (Opposite the King Edward Hotel).

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [443]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned carrying on business as SHARE AND GENERAL BROKERS at No. 5, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, under the Style or Firm of "VERNON & SMYTH," has been dissolved and the Interest and Responsibility of the undersigned JAMES YARDLEY VERNON in the said Firm has ceased as from the 31st March, 1910.

All debts due to and owing by the late Firm of VERNON & SMYTH will be received and paid respectively by the undersigned FRANK SMYTH, who will continue to carry on the said business under the Style or Firm of "VERNON & SMYTH."

Dated the 1st day of April, 1910.
J. Y. VERNON,
F. SMYTH.

PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON.

Philippines Division, Office Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I., January 3, 1910.—Sealed Proposals, in triplicate, subject to usual conditions, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock a.m., April 5, 1910, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering about six million six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Beef and two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Mutton to the Subsistence Department, U.S. Army, at Manila, P.I., during year ending June 30, 1911. The contractor will be required to pay all customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount advertised for, upon reasonable notice to the contractor, or to increase the amount with his consent. Each proposal must be accompanied with a bidder's guaranty in the amount of \$20,000 or with certified check for that sum on a Bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond. Bids and full information furnished on application to this Office or to nearest United States Consul. Envelopes containing proposals must be marked: "Proposals for Frozen Fresh Beef and Mutton for fiscal year 1911; to be opened April 5, 1910; and addressed to the undersigned—D. L. BRATNARD, Lieut.-Col., D.C.C., U. S. Army, Chief Commissary."

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [378]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [583]

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [355]

TO LET.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [89]

TO LET.

NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. From 1st April next. Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to—ARRATON V. APOAL & Co., 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [363]

TO LET

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [325]

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"THE GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, Hongkong, 8-Roomed House, fitted with Electric Light, detached Servants' Quarters and Tennis Court, from 1st May, 1910.

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TO LET.

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TO LET.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [90]

TO LET.

OFFICES in Des Voeux Road, Central.

Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, 5, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [440]

TO LET.

NO. 4, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to—SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCUSSION, Hongkong, 10th March, 1910. [383]

TO LET.

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Apply to—LINSDELL & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1910. [91]

TO LET.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [88]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [474]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1910. [87]

TO LET.

OFFICES, Hotel Manaloni.

Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [151]

AUCTION

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 8.47.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 4th day of April, 1910, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Bonham Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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Lot 103	100 feet by 100 feet	9,000 sq. ft.	1,000	
Lot 104	100 feet by 100 feet	9,000 sq. ft.	1,000	
Lot 105	100 feet by 100 feet	9,000 sq. ft.	1,000	
Lot 106	100 feet by 100 feet	9,000 sq. ft.	1,000	
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LONDON AND ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES	MANILA Capt. W. E. Mara, R.N.R.	About 5th April.	Freight only.
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ONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	ASSAYE Capt. Owen Jones, R.N.R.	Noon, 16th April.	See Special Advertisement.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent

Hongkong, 4th April, 1910.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 5th April, 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 7th April, 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 10th April, Daylight	
MANILA	"CHINHUA"	On 12th April, 3 P.M.	
TINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG	"NANCHANG"	On 12th April, 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 14th April, 4 P.M.	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, TRUESDAY ISLAND, GOOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 21st April, 4 P.M.	

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SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 5th April, 4 P.M.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Friday, 8th April, Noon.	
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 8th April, 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Sunday, 10th April, Daylight	
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 15th April, 4 P.M.	

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KORE	"TRANQUEBAR"	Middle of April.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KORE	"PEKING"	End of April.
MASSILLON, COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"CATHAY"	About first half of May
COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"TRANQUEBAR"	End of May.

For Further Particulars apply to
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1910.MELOHRS & CO.,
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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, etc., via MOJI, KORE, YOKOHAMA,
HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
S.S. BUJO MARU	10,500 tons gross	Sail April 27th, at Noon.
S.S. HONGKONG MARU	11,000 "	" June 25th, at Noon.
S.S. KIYO MARU	17,200 "	" Aug. 24th, at Noon.
S.S. BUJO MARU	10,500 "	" Oct. 22nd, at Noon.
S.S. HONGKONG MARU	11,000 "	" Dec. 21st, at Noon.

For particulars apply to

N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.

TOTO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1910.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	MIYAZAKI MARU Capt. T. Murai, KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope, IYO MARU Capt. T. L. Harrison	9,000 9,000 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th April, at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 11th May, at Daylight.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. K. Kori	7,000	SATURDAY, 23rd April, from Kobe.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawara, TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Sato	7,000 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th April, at Noon. TUESDAY, 24th May, at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sakino, NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5,000 6,000	FRIDAY, 15th April, at Noon. FRIDAY, 13th May, at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TOSA MARU Capt. Y. Nomura	6,000	TUESDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KORE	BOMBAY MARU Capt. Teranaka	5,000	TUESDAY, 12th April, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th April, at Noon.
KORE and YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	THURSDAY, 14th April, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1910.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.



STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 9th April, Noon.
BUBI	2540	A. Fraser	Manila	On 16th April, Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1910.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

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Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,
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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. ARAGONIA	5th April.
S.S. ANDALUSIA	8th April.
S.S. SILESIA	21st April.
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	6th May.
S.S. SUBVIA	18th May.

Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910.

HOMEWARD.

FOR MANZANILLO & HAMBURG:

S.S. SPEZIA	12th April.
FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. C. FERD. LAEBER	15th April.
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	
S.S. LIBERIA	15th April.

Hongkong Office.

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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA	First half of April
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN	First half of April
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA	First half of April
TJILAWONG	JAVA	First half of April	SHANGHAI	First half of April
TJIMAH	JAVA	Second half of April	JAPAN	Second half of April
TJIKINI	JAVA	First half of May	SHANGHAI	First half of May

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REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS (Gross reg.)	LEAVES
TACOMA via MOJI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU" Capt. T. Saito "CHICAGO MARU" Capt. I. Goto	6,182 6,182	WEDNESDAY, 20th April, at Noon. WEDNESDAY, 18th May, at Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU" Capt. T. SUEGUA	THURSDAY, 7th April, at 8 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	"BOSHU MARU" Capt. Y. YAMAMOTO	WEDNESDAY, 13th April, at 10 A.M.

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T. ARIMA,
MANAGER.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.
ATLANTIS, American str., 961, E. de Ozeoz, 22nd March—Manila 16th March—J. M. Basu
BOURBON, French str., 997, Rose, 30th March—Saigon 27th March, General—Mau Fat
GERMANIA, German str., 600, C. Jepsen, 22nd March—South Sea via Sydney 27th Jan., Copra—Siemssen & Co.
HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, S. Wilds, 30th March—Shanghai 23rd and Swatow 29th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HILARY, German str., 1,226, E. Haage, 31st March—Macassar 22nd March, Sugar and General—Java-China-Japan Line.
HUNTA, British str., 1,143, Wm. Benson, 21st March—Wuhu and Chinkiang 15th Mar., General—Butterfield & Swire.
KUMANG, British str., 2,076, W. G. G. Leack, 31st March—Calcutta, Penang and Singapore 25th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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16th March.

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FOR	PER	DATE.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 4th, 11.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Monmouthshire	Monday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Hankow, Singapore and Bangkok	Samsen	Monday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kulsang	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Brand	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 5th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Tai Ping	Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Qidysang	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cockburn, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Lanneston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth, and Fremantle	Eastern	Wednesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar	Tjibodas	Wednesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.

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TO-DAY.

3 P.M.—Auction of Crown Land, Public Works
Dept.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, 12th April—Entertainment—"Mice
and Men" at the Hongkong Amateur
Dramatic Club, 9 P.M.

Wednesday, 13th April—Thirty-Seventh Ordina-
ry Yearly Meeting of Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., Noon.

Wednesday, 13th April—Forty-Fourth Yearly
Ordinary Meeting of China Traders'
Insurance Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.

Thursday, 14th April—Auction of Valuable
Leasehold Property, at Auction Room by
Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, noon.

Saturday, 16th April—Half-Yearly Meeting
of Hongkong Jockey Club, 12.30 P.M.

Thursday, 21st April—Twentieth Ordinary
General Meeting of The Yangtze Insur-
ance Association Ltd., Shanghai, 4 P.M.

Thursday, 21st April—Extraordinary General
Meeting of The Yangtze Insurance
Association Ltd., Shanghai, 4.15 P.M.

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EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 2nd.

ON LONDON—

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days sight

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight

Jedite, at 4 months sight

Documentary Bills 4 months sight

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand

Credite, at 4 months sight

ON GERMANY—

On demand

ON NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, on demand

Credite, at 60 days sight

ON BORNEO—

Telegraphic Transfer

Bank, on demand

ON CALCUTTA—

Telegraphic Transfer

Bank, on demand

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, at sight

Private, 30 days sight

ON SINGAPORE—

On demand

ON BATAVIA—

On demand

ON HAIPHONG—

On demand

ON SAIGON—

On demand

ON HONGKONG—

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola

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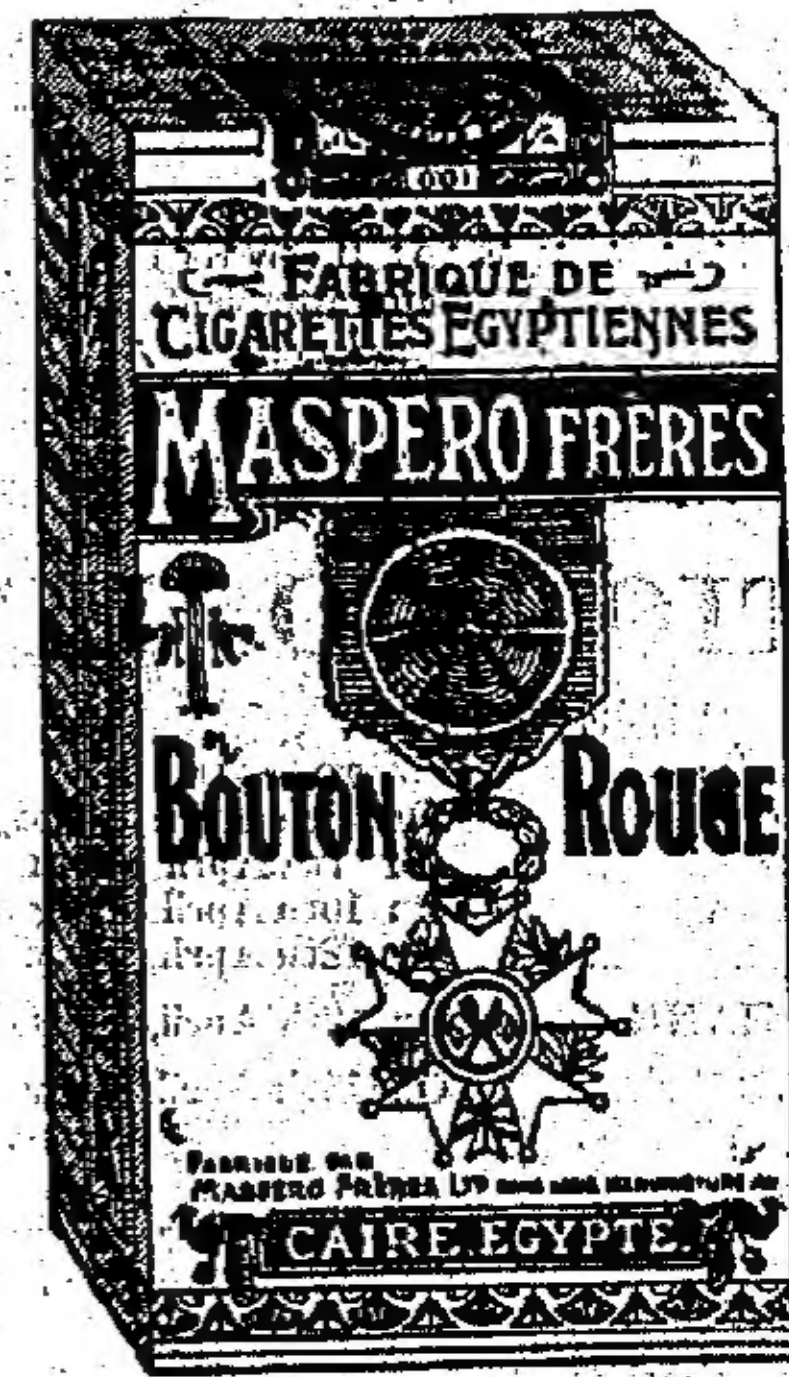
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 2nd, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$950, sal. deal.
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$76, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12/5	12/5	\$10, buyers
China Bank, Limited	60,000	12	12	\$10, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	10	10	\$10, buyers
China Insurance Company, Limited	50,000	10	10	\$10, buyers
China Insurance Company, Limited	200,000	10	10	\$10, buyers
COGNAC.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 142, sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$6, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 61
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 70
Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 300, s.d.
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$29, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$29, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$29, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 120
SEWELL & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$10, buyers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, buyers
HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED	7,000	\$10	all	\$205
HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED	60,000	\$10	all	\$205, sellers
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$107, s.d. sales
HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$25, s.d.
HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED	60,000	\$10	all	\$24, sellers
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$250	\$170, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$24, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.50	\$83.50	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$250	\$250, sal. buy.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	12,000	\$15	\$15	\$25, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$250	\$250	\$250, sal. buy.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$100	\$230, Nom.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$101, sellers
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$28, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$28, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$424
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	18/10	\$8, sales
PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED	25,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
PHILIPPINE CO., LIMITED	50,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
RAFFLES CO., LIMITED	75,000	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED	20,000	\$100	all	\$125, s.d. sal. b.
LUNGBANK SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED	7,000	\$100	all	\$125, s.d. sal. b.
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LIMITED	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$7, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$31, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$15, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	70, 15
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 pref.	\$1	21	92, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$14, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5, buyers
STROBES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$4, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 pref.	\$10	\$10	\$300
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, sellers
REUBENS.				
Singapore and Johore	—	—	—	\$1,250
Batavia	—	—	—	\$275 (Sta.) sales
Pegohs	—	—	—	\$60 (Sta.)
Alligars	—	—	—	71
Anglo-Malaya	—	—	—	120
Cassiofield, fully paid	—	—	—	275
Consolidated Malaya	—	—	—	170
Damansara	—	—	—	147/6
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	10/6 prem.
Kamuning	—	—	—	220
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	100
Ledbury	—	—	—	61
Langgits	—	—	—	46
Sapong	—	—	—	72/6
Shelfords	—	—	—	170
Sungei-Kapang	—	—	—	170, buyers
United Serdangs	—	—	—	100
Bukit Kajang	—	—	—	43/9 prem.
Eastern and International	—	—	—	11/9
London Ventures	—	—	—	17/6 sales
Sumatra Farms	—	—	—	8/6
Madras	—	—	—	117/6
Batu Tiga	—	—	—	117/6
LOANS.				
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. Collier left Manila on the
1st inst. at midnight, and may be expected
here to-day at 6 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. Goeben carrying the German
Mails with dates from Berlin of the 9th ult.,
left Colombo on the 27th ult. p.m., and may be
expected here on or about the 7th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. Mongolia left Yokohama on
the 26th ult., and is scheduled to arrive at
Hongkong on the 8th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The H.A. Line str. Aragonia left Sabang
on the 26th ult., and may be expected here to-
day.

The Bank Line Ltd's str. Suerie left Van-
couver on the 13th ultimo for Hongkong via
Japan ports.

The Mogul Line str. Atholl left the United
Kingdom on the 12th ult. for Hongkong via
Straits.

The N.G.I. str. Ischia left Singapore for
this port on the 31st ultimo a.m., and may be
expected here on or about the 6th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Bombay Maru (Bombay
Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the
25th ultimo, and is expected here on the 10th
inst.

The O.S.K. str. Seattle Maru from Tacoma
left Moly for this port via Manila on the 31st
ult., and is expected to arrive here on or about
the 12th inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

March 8th—Aragonia, Asienara, Belgavia,
China, 11th—Andalusia, Ching Wo,
Deviation, Nore, 15th—Benarof, Goeben,
Palawan, 18th—Hirano Maru, Salazie, 22nd
—Breconshire, Glenlogan, Katoen, Meinam,
Nyansa, Pak Lung, Seneca, 29th—Benmore,
Banco, Hualan, Garmaronshire, Katana, Kin-
tuck, Moyne, Peking, Sitiva, Tongo Maru,
Yunnan, Yverton, April 1st—Australia,
Carmarthenhire, Katoen, Katoen, Katoen,
Peleus, Vermont.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

April 1st—Armand Behic, Hyson, Kennedee.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Hongkong, from Shanghai, Mr. Geo. B. Ray,
Per Hongkong, from Bangkok, &c., Messrs M.
Gynez Erque and Maran.

Per Glenfalloch, from Singapore, Mr. and
Mrs. H. P. Kinghorn and 2 children.

Per Monmouthshire, from London, Mrs.
Slay, Misses Thompson and Timmins and Mr.
Allen.

Per Hailan, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs.
Barton and 4 children, Dr. and Mrs. Von Borck
and children, and Messrs J. Thom.

Per Anhai, from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs.
Colburn and child, Capt. J. Cogan, Messrs
Gilmore, Downall, Cameron, Lindsay, Norton,
Gilmore and Barton.

Per Empress of China, from Vancouver,
for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Lachlan,
Messrs J. B. Wijkman, A. De Contamin and
D. E. Newell, from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. H.
P. Wilkinson, Mrs. Tweedie and infant, Mrs.
Gordon, Rev. A. Corneen, Rev. E. Polonio,
Judge Lindsay Smith, Prof. E. A. Ross, Messrs
W. Ahern, Z. Zuroaga, C.